REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	02 October 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Wet Set Magazine Fact & Fantasy Storybooks Volume One Number Three
Other Known Titles:	Wet Set Vol 1 No 3
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	W.S.P.
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Australia
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Wet Set Magazine Fact & Fantasy Storybooks Volume One Number Three* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine promotes and supports the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading conduct and sexual conduct. The publication contains eleven stories, all of which involve urination as the central theme. These body functions are described as sexually arousing and are described in language which is intended to be arousing to the reader. The magazine promotes and supports the use of urine and excrement in association with sexual conduct by presenting as sexually arousing descriptions of people becoming aroused from passing urine or excrement and then engaging in sexual conduct. One story describes the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading conduct when a young woman is punished for urinating in her clothing. The woman is spanked and during this punishment she passes excrement. The punishment continues for some time before she is allowed to clean herself. The majority of these stories concern urination in association with sexual conduct with strong descriptions of urination followed by masturbation and vaginal intercourse.

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) does not apply to this publication because it has been determined that s3(2)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 applies. The provision overrides the NZBR Act because it is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms of the NZBR Act.

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